

H.B. No. 5412 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING SHARED CLEAN

The future of our state depends on updating our energy infrastructure to be safer, more robust and non polluting. We can no longer depend on power plants that run on imported fuel whose emissions exacerbate climate change and powerful storm like we saw in Superstorm Sandy. A legislative step that can help us move in that direction would be to pass H.B 5412 : “An Act Concerning Shared Clean Energy Facilities.” This bill would provide a financial structure that would allow CT citizens to fund and benefit from clean, safe, renewable energy. This type of funding has worked all over the country led by investors in Mosaic which funds solar projects on large buildings and pay the investment back from the energy produced.

Renewable energy is the solution to many issues that CT faces. Once constructed, renewable has no fuel costs like natural gas, oil and coal plants so we could eliminate the need to import fuels for electricity. Distributed energy also makes the power grid more robust by spreading the generation area from a central place that can be disconnected from many customers to several places that can work independently. Clean energy also saves citizens money by improving their health, lowering their energy bills and making more of the state liveable. All customers contribute to these programs, and all should benefit from them, even if they don't own property. It will also boost the Connecticut solar industry, attract new investment from national solar companies, and create thousands of new in-state jobs. Please support H.B 5412 so we can all move into the energy future together.

Sincerely,
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